Musica Dei donum optimi

Translation:
Music, gift of the most high God, draws men, draws gods.
Music soothes savage souls and raises up sorrowful minds.
Music moves even the trees themselves and fearsome wild beasts.

Source:
Cantiones sacrae sex vocum, Graz 1594. This was the last publication of Lassus’s works to be made during his lifetime. It is organised by tone, and Musica dei donum, the 26th item in the book, concludes the pieces on the 8th tone. It was apparently originally intended to be the final piece in the collection; four pieces were subsequently added.

Transposed up a minor 3rd. Note values halved. Original clefs: c1, c1, c3, c4, c4, f4.

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